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For: A NOVEL METHOD TO REDUCE  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated January 11, 2005, the Examiner requires applicants to elect for further prosecution of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-33, drawn to a method making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 618.

Group II: Claims 34-52, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 374.

Applicants elect Group II, claims 34-52 for further prosecution. This election is made with traverse.

In view of the provisional election of Group II, claims 34-52, applicants respectfully submit that the examination of all claims 1-52 would not impose an undue burden on the

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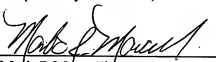
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Examiner because the method claims 1-33 produce the semiconductor device claimed in the device claims 34-52. As such, applicants traverse the restriction requirement and respectfully submit that the election requirement be withdrawn and all claims examined on the merits.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request that claims 34-52 should be examined.

Respectfully submitted,

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